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Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the report of the Secretary-General (A/47/744), as well as an addendum (A/47/744/Add.1), which provides an update on the financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission (UNAVEM and UNAVEM II). During its consideration of the reports, the Advisory Committee met with representatives of the Secretary-General.

2. The Advisory Committee recalls that following the establishment of UNAVEM by the Security Council for a period of 31 months beginning 3 January 1989, the General Assembly appropriated amounts totalling $19,401,300 gross ($18,802,300 net) for the operation of UNAVEM by its resolutions 43/231 of 16 February 1989, 44/190 of 21 December 1989 and 45/246 of 21 December 1990.

3. As at 31 May 1991, UNAVEM had accomplished the mandate entrusted to it approximately two months before the end of its mandate period. The Security Council then decided to establish UNAVEM II for a period of 17 months, i.e. from 1 June 1991 to 31 October 1992. By its resolutions 45/269 of 27 August 1991 and 46/195 A and B of 20 December 1991 and 31 July 1992 respectively, the General Assembly appropriated further amounts of $49,467,000 gross ($49,132,900 net) for the seven-month period ending 31 December 1991, and $42,876,720 gross ($42,062,000 net) and $15 million gross ($14 million net) for the mandate period ending 31 October 1992.

4. Following a recommendation by the Secretary-General, the Security Council, by its resolution 785 (1992) of 30 October 1992, approved the extension of the existing mandate of UNAVEM II for an interim period, until 30 November 1992. By its resolution 793 (1992) of 30 November 1992, the Council extended the mandate of UNAVEM II for a further period of two months until 31 January 1993, and by its resolution 804 (1993) of 29 January 1993, the Council decided further to extend the mandate of UNAVEM II until 30 April 1993.

5. The General Assembly, by its decision 47/450 of 22 December 1992, authorized the Secretary-General to enter into commitments up to the amount of $25,258,800 gross ($24,218,000 net) for the period from 1 November 1992 to 28 February 1993; it also decided that this amount should be apportioned among Member States in accordance with resolution 47/41 of 1 December 1992.

6. The status of assessed contributions since the inception of the operation on 3 January 1989 up to 28 February 1993, taking into account the commitment authorization of $25,258,800 gross ($24,218,000 net), is given in paragraph 11 of the addendum to the report of the Secretary-General (A/47/744/Add.1).

7. The performance report of UNAVEM II for the period 1 January to 31 October 1992 is shown in annexes I and II of the main report (A/47/744). The Advisory Committee notes from paragraphs 3 and 13 of the addendum that an additional appropriation of $1,260,400 gross and net, based on the authorization provided by the General Assembly in its decision 47/450, is required in respect of this mandate period. As a result, total appropriation for the 10-month period would amount to $59,137,100 gross ($57,322,400 net) (see paras. 3 and 5 above).

8. The performance report for the period 1 November 1992 to 28 February 1993 is shown in annexes I and II to the addendum. The Advisory Committee notes that annex I sets out by budget line the initial appropriation of $23,998,400 gross ($22,957,600 net) provided to UNAVEM II (see paras. 5 and 7 above) and the related expenditure of $20,194,300 gross ($19,465,700 net) for the period.

9. The Secretary-General requests the General Assembly to appropriate, for the period 1 November 1992 to 28 February 1993, an amount of $25,258,800 gross ($24,218,000 net), inclusive of the supplemental appropriation of $1,260,400 gross and net for the period ending 31 October 1992, authorized and apportioned under the terms of General Assembly decision 47/450. The Advisory Committee agrees with the Secretary-General's request.

10. The Advisory Committee notes from paragraph 15 of the addendum that the cost estimates for the period 1 March to 30 April 1993 take into consideration the reduced deployment of military and civilian personnel of UNAVEM II, based on the revised responsibilities of the operation in accordance with Security Council resolution 804 (1993). Supplementary information on the cost estimates for the two-month period is given in annex IV of the addendum.

11. A summary of the resources provided to UNAVEM II for the four-month period from 1 November 1992 to 28 February 1993 and the related requirements covering the six-month period from 1 November 1992 to 30 April 1993 is given in annex V of the addendum. It reflects a net additional requirement amounting to $1,518,400 gross ($1,632,400 net) for the period ending 30 April 1993. As stated in paragraph 16 of the addendum, the net amount is higher than the gross amount by $114,000 as a result of the savings realized under staff assessment and relates to the reduction in civilian staff costs for the period ending 28 February 1993.

12. The Secretary-General proposes that this additional requirement be met by an appropriation in the amount of $1,518,400 gross ($1,632,400 net) and the apportionment thereof in accordance with paragraphs 7 and 8 of General Assembly

resolution 47/224 A of 16 March 1993. The Secretary-General also proposes the crediting of these same amounts to Member States for the period from 1 March to 30 April 1993 from the total unencumbered balance of $4,874,700 gross ($4,540,500 net). The Advisory Committee does not object to the Secretary-General's proposals in this regard.

13. The Advisory Committee notes that the Secretary-General also proposes that, should the Security Council decide to extend the mandate of UNAVEM II beyond 30 April 1993, an appropriation and/or commitment authorization, as appropriate, be provided for the maintenance of UNAVEM II at a monthly rate of $2,661,250 gross ($2,562,150 net) and for the apportionment thereof, with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee concurs in the Secretary-General's proposal.

14. Annex VIII, section A, of the addendum shows the total resources made available to UNAVEM from its inception on 3 January 1989 to 28 February 1993 as $152,003,800 gross ($148,215,200 net). The operating costs for the same period are shown as $145,707,400 gross ($142,323,400 net), with an unencumbered balance of $4,874,700 gross ($4,540,500 net) after credits to Member States in the amount of $1,421,700 gross ($1,351,300 net).

15. As shown in section B of the same annex, there is an operating deficit of $26,476,300 in the Special Account for UNAVEM. The Advisory Committee notes from paragraph 23 of the updated report of the Secretary-General (A/47/744/Add.1), that in order to meet the operating cash requirements of UNAVEM II, loans amounting to $6.2 million, in addition to loans of $9.7 million from the Special Account for UNTAG as indicated in paragraph 29 of the main report, have been made to UNAVEM II from the Peace-keeping Reserve Fund; thus the total amount loaned to UNAVEM II is $15.9 million.

16. In view of this situation, and the information reflected in paragraph 11 of the Secretary-General's report with regard to outstanding assessed contributions, the Advisory Committee concurs in the Secretary-General's proposal for the retention of the unencumbered balance of appropriations and interest and miscellaneous income in the Special Account for UNAVEM, after crediting Member States with the amounts as mentioned in paragraph 13 above. In this connection, with regard to the considerably large ($15.9 million) loans made to UNAVEM II, the Advisory Committee requests that every effort be made to repay the amount as quickly as possible.

17. In its resolution 45/265 of 17 May 1991, the General Assembly approved special arrangements for the United Nations Transition Assistance Group (UNTAG), by which appropriations required in respect of obligations owed to Governments providing contingents and/or logistic support to the operation would be retained beyond the period stipulated under financial regulations 4.3 and 4.4. Having cited other such examples in paragraph 25 of the main report, in paragraph 27 of the report, the Secretary-General proposes that the standing decision, as contained in resolution 45/265, be extended and applied to UNAVEM II. The Advisory Committee recommends acceptance of this proposal.